

John Shaw Broadbent

1850-1950 Centennial Biography

John Shaw Broadbent, son of Joseph Samuel Broadbent and Annie Shaw Broadbent, was born in Lehi, Utah, February 1, 1977 being the 12th child of a family of 13 children.

He was baptized on his eighth birthday by his father. He received his education in the Lehi schools, graduating from High School in 1935. During his high school, he was active in the high school band, male chorus, being awarded highly superior in a saxophone solo contest, taking a lead in the high school opera of 1935.

He has been a faithful energetic worker in the church, serving as Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association counselor two years and president four years. He was ward clerk for two years and at the present time is on the ward missionary committee. He is a member of the 68th Quorum of Seventy, being ordained March 7, 1945.

When he was 20 years old his father died leaving him the responsibility of managing the store and helping his mother operate their greenhouse. Like his grandfather and father, he is a merchant by trade, operating the Broadbent general merchandising store which has been in continuous operation since 1882.

He was elected councilman in 1944-46, and is a member of the present city council. For twelve years he has been a member of the volunteer fire department. During World War II, he was on the local price and ration board. He is a member of the local riding club.

He married Alice Meirl Davis, May 16, 1938, in the Salt Lake Temple and a father of three children.